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Pedro S. Baranda, et al. : Date: May 24, 2000
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Title: Tension Member for an Elevator

Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sirs:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Between lines 2 and 3, insert: This is a division of copending application Serial No.

10/031/108 filed February 26, 1998, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-43 and 58-65 and replace with the following claims:

1. A sheave for an elevator system, the elevator system including one or more tension members, each tension member having a width w, a thickness t measured in the bending direction, and an engagement surface defined by the width dimension of the tension member, wherein the tension member has an aspect ratio, defined as the ratio of width w relative to

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